

Mentorship

A black and white photograph of two soldiers in full combat gear, including helmets and camouflage uniforms. They are standing and facing each other in profile, with their bodies slightly angled towards the center. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Mentors can play an important role in a soldier's professional life. At their best, mentors provide role models and guides for junior leaders. At their worst, mentors pull strings and sweep dirt under the carpet for protégés. Which is it? Patron or guide? Charles J. Dalcourt, Jr. considers mentorship evocatively in "Mentorship: Establishing a Legacy, Shaping the Future." In "Mentorship in the Military: Not Everybody Gets It," Joseph Kopser provides an analytic approach.